

5. (Amended) A method according to Claim 2, wherein said stretched plastics material member is relaxed by at least 10% of its total stretched length.

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6. (Amended) A method according to Claim 2, wherein after said partial relaxation, said plastics material member is fixed at said length whereby further relaxation is prevented.

8. (Amended) A method according to Claim 2, wherein said plastics material member is a film web and said film is laminated with at least one other film of plastics or other material.

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9. (Amended) A plastics material member having a decreased oxygen permeability, said plastics material member being a film, fibre or filament, stretched beyond its yield point to decrease its thickness and increase its length, said plastics material member being partially relaxed substantially uniformly across its cross-section transverse to the stretching direction by between 5 and 20% of its total stretched length.

11. (Amended) A plastics material member having an increased resistance to UV degradation, said plastics material member being a film, fibre or filament, stretched beyond its yield point to decrease its thickness and increase its length, said plastics material member being partially relaxed substantially uniformly across its cross-section transverse to the stretching direction by between 5 and 20% of its total stretched length.

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12. (Amended) A plastics material member according to Claim 9 or Claim 11, wherein the stretched plastics material member is relaxed by at least 10% of its total stretched length.

15. (Amended) A method of wrapping a material, object or objects, to create an anaerobic atmosphere within a wrapping envelope, said method including providing a relaxed plastics material film pre-stretched beyond its yield point to increase its length and decrease its thickness, said film being substantially uniformly relaxed across its cross-section transverse to the stretching direction by between 5 and 20% of its total stretched length, and applying said

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plastics material film to be wrapped in at least one layer with at least sufficient applied further tension to form said wrapping envelope with an anaerobic atmosphere therewithin.

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16. (Amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein the object is a bale of silage making material.

18. (Amended) A method of making silage, including providing a bale of silage making material, forming a wrapping envelope about said bale utilising a partially relaxed plastics material film pre-stretched before relaxation beyond its yield point to increase its length and decrease its thickness, said film being substantially uniformly relaxed across its cross-section transverse to the stretching direction by between 5 and 20% of its total stretched length, and applying said plastics material film to be wrapped in at least one overlapping layer to form said wrapping envelope with an anaerobic atmosphere therewithin.

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19. (Amended) A method according to Claim 18, wherein the plastics material film is applied to said bale with at least sufficient tension to form said wrapping envelope with an anaerobic atmosphere therewithin.

20. (Amended) A method according to Claim 19, wherein said plastics material film undergoes a secondary stretch after being at least partially relaxed, and thereafter applying said plastics material film to be wrapped in at least one layer about said bale to form said wrapping envelope with an anaerobic atmosphere therewithin.

23. (Amended) A method according to Claim 20, wherein the secondary stretch is beyond the level of the initial stretching of said film.

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24. (Amended) A method according to Claim 20, wherein the secondary stretch is less than the level of the initial stretching of said film.

26. (Amended) A plastics material film for forming an anaerobic wrapping envelope that has first been stretched beyond its yield point to increase its length and reduce its thickness, said film being partially relaxed substantially uniformly across its cross-section transverse to the stretching direction by between 5 and 20% of its total stretched length.

27. (Amended) An anaerobic wrapping envelope including at least one layer of overlapping plastics material film stretched beyond its yield point to increase its length and reduce its thickness, said film being partially relaxed substantially uniformly across its cross-section transverse to the stretching direction by between 5 and 20% of its total stretched length before being configured to form said anaerobic wrapping envelope.
